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For: A NEW FUSION PROTEIN AND
ITS USE IN AN IMMUNOASSAY
FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS
DETECTION OF AUTOANTIBODIES
RELATED TO INSULIN-DEPENDENT
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 19 June 2001, please enter the amendments contained below and on the following pages.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 21, 22, 25 and 26.

Please amend the claims shown on the following pages as clean copies of the claims. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached to this amendment. Inserted material is indicated by underlining and deleted material is indicated by square brackets.

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